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## SCHOOL NURSE SERVICES CREDENTIAL

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Holders of the preliminary and professional clear School Nurse Services Credential shall be authorized to perform the following services:

- Conduct immunization programs pursuant to California Education Code, Section 49403, of the California Code of Regulations
- Assess and evaluate the health and developmental status of pupils
- Interpret the health and developmental assessment to parents, teachers, administrators, and other professionals directly concerned with the pupil
- Design and implement individual student health maintenance plans, incorporating plans directed by a physician
- Refer the pupil and parent or guardian to appropriate community resources for necessary services
- Maintain communication with parents and all involved community practitioners and agencies to promote needed treatment and secure reports of findings pertinent to educational planning
- Interpret medical and nursing findings appropriate to the student's individualized education program and make recommendations to professional personnel directly involved
- Consult with, conduct in-service training for, and serve as a resource person to teachers and administrators
- Develop and implement the health education curriculum
- Act as a participant in implementing a comprehensive health instruction curriculum for students
- Counsel and assist pupils and parents in health-related and school adjustment services
- Teach health-related subjects under the supervision of a classroom teacher

### Requirements for the Preliminary Credential

Applicants may apply directly to the Commission if they satisfy **both** of the following requirements:

1. Verify possession of a baccalaureate or higher degree from a regionally-accredited college or university
2. Verify possession of a valid Registered Nurse license issued by the State of California (If you do not hold the license, contact the Board of Registered Nurses, 400 R Street, Suite 4030, Sacramento, CA 95814, (916) 322-3350.)

### Requirements for the Professional Clear Credential

Applicants must apply through a California college or university with an accredited school nurse program and must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Hold a preliminary School Nurse Services Credential
2. Complete two years of successful experience as a school nurse (If the preliminary School Nurse Credential was issued on or before July 1, 1981, this experience is not required.)
3. Complete an approved school nurse program (The application must include the formal recommendation of the college or university where the program was completed.)

### Term of the Credential

The **preliminary** School Nurse Services Credential is issued for five calendar years and is not renewable. The **professional clear** credential is issued for five calendar years and may be renewed.

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## **Institutions with Commission-Accredited School Nurse Programs**

CSU Bakersfield	CSU, Northridge	San Jose State University
CSU, Fresno	CSU, Sacramento	UC San Francisco
CSU, Long Beach	CSU, San Bernardino	Loma Linda University
CSU, Los Angeles	San Diego State University	University of San Diego

References: California Education Code, Section 49426 and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80050

## **SPECIAL TEACHING AUTHORIZATION IN HEALTH**

The Special Teaching Authorization in Health authorizes the holder to teach health classes in preschool, kindergarten, grades 1–12 inclusive, and classes organized primarily for adults.

### **Requirements for the Special Teaching Authorization in Health**

Applicants must satisfy **all** of the following requirements:

1. Hold a valid California credential that authorizes service as a school nurse
2. Hold a valid California registered nurse license
3. Pass the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST)
4. Complete a professional preparation program for the Special Teaching Authorization and obtain the recommendation of the California college or university where the program was completed

***Institutions with Commission-Accredited Special Teaching Authorization in Health:*** CSU, Sacramento

References: California Education Code, Section 49426 and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80050

## **OTHER HEALTH SERVICES CREDENTIALS**

The Commission has authorization to issue Health Services Credentials in any health-related field except audiometry, occupational therapy, or physical therapy. The Commission is authorized to issue credentials to physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, and optometrists. In addition, the Commission may issue Health Services Credentials to clinical psychologists and psychiatric social workers. Please note that these credentials are for service in the mental health field and do not authorize the holder to perform the duties of a school counselor or school social worker.

A Health Services Credential will be issued for five years upon verification of the possession of a valid license, certificate, or registration appropriate to the health service to be designated, and issued by the California agency authorized by law to license, certificate, or register persons to practice that health service in California.

### **Requirements for Other Health Services Credentials**

The initial application must include all of the following:

1. A completed application form (41-4)
2. Complete set of collegiate transcripts
3. Photocopy of the State of California license, certificate, or registration appropriate to the health service
4. The required current fee
5. Application for Character and Identification Clearance (form 41-CIC), Livescan Service (form 41-LS) or two fingerprint cards, and current fingerprint processing fee, if not already submitted

### **Term of the Credential**

Qualified applicants will receive a Professional Clear Health Services Credential issued for five calendar years. This document may be renewed.

References: California Education Code, Sections 44873 (Physician); 44875 (Dentist); 44876 (Dental Hygienist); 44878 (Optometrist); and 44874 (Clinical Psychologist and Psychiatric Social Worker) and Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Section 80051